CNG Centres in Chhattisgarh

†178. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CNG centres opened in various States for utilization of the vehicles;

(b) whether there is any CNG distribution centre in any city of Chhattisgarh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons for not opening CNG distribution centre in Chhattisgarh;

(e) the time limit fixed for opening CNG distribution centre in Chhattisgarh; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) As on July 2005, the State-wise details of CNG stations of JVs/PSUs are as under:—

State	City	No. of CNG Stations
Delhi	Delhi	133
Uttar Pradesh	NOIDA	2
Maharashtra	Mumbai	106
Gujarat	Vadodara & Vaghodia	02*
Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	01

* A few CNG outlets have also been set up by some private/multi-national companies in Gujarat.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

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(d) to (f) At present there is no natural gas or pipeline infrastructure available for setting up CNG stations in Chhattisgarh. CNG will be progressively introduced in polluted cities, including these in Chhattisgarh, with the expansion of the pipeline infrastructure and the increased availability of natural gas, and also subject to economic viability.

Tax on Petroleum Products

†179. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of taxation on petroleum products in the country is more than that of other South Asian Countries;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the names of the South Asian countries where tax rate on petrol and diesel is lower than in India?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The tax component in the price of petrol and diesel in India is higher than some other South Asian countries. The details are as under:—

	Petrol (%of tax to total price)	Diesel (%of tax to total price)
India	57	35
Sri Lanka	37	20
Thailand	24	15

Oil Prices in International Market

†180. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had increased the consumer

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